48. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE M:+(hell OF Arizona, OR His DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1585, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. MITCHELL OF ARIZONA

Page 627, strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the

following:

- 1 "(3) Before transmittal of medical records of a mem-
- 2 ber to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary
- 3 of Defense shall ensure that the member (or an individual
- 4 legally recognized to make medical decisions on behalf of
- 5 that member) is presented with a written form, the vol-
- 6 untary signing of which shall authorize the transfer of the
- 7 medical records of the member from the Department of
- 8 Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant
- 9 to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
- 10 Act of 1996. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
- 11—as limiting or otherwise altering the applicability of the
- 12 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
- 13 1996 to medical records maintained by the Department
- 14 of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.